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MARGARET SLATTERY COMING TO ASILOMAR

MISS RUTH SEABURY VISITS ASSOCIATIONS

Soon after this issue reaches our readers, Miss Ruth Seabury will begin her tour in our Conference. She will appear from one to three times on the program of each Association, a schedule of which is published in another column. In addition, she will address a union young people's gathering in San Francisco and a Business Girls' Club of the San Francisco First Church. She will spend the entire day on April 15th with the church at Alameda, addressing Sunday School, church congregations, and Young People's societies. She will preach at the Pilgrim Church in Fresno and address the German Young People's Conference on April 22nd. She will meet with a group of women on the afternoon of April 27th in Sacramento and then spend the entire day the 29th, with the Sacramento church, visiting and speaking to the various departments.

On her way to Southern California she addressed the Women's Federation and gave one Sunday to Plymouth Church, Oakland. On these occasions she made an impression unsurpassed by any missionary speaker that has visited the coast for many years.

The Program Committee for the annual meeting of the State Conference, which will be held in the First Congregational Church, San Francisco, October 16th to 18th, is at work. The committee consists of Moderator Mrs. Gail Cleland, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mr. Ralph T. Fisher and Superintendent Harley H. Gill. Suggestions for the program will be gratefully received by any member of the committee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 13—Upper Bay Association, Benicia.
Tuesday, April 17—Santa Clara Association, Redwood City.
Wednesday, April 18—Central Asociation, Lodi.
Thursday, April 19—Spring meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Lodi.
Friday, April 20—San Joaquin Association, Porterville.
Saturday-Sunday, April 21-22—German Young People's Convention, Fresno.
Tuesday, April 24—Bay Association, Niles.
Wednesday, April 25—Redwood Empire Association, Santa Rosa.
Thursday-Friday, April 26-27—Sacramento Valley Association, Grass Valley.
May 7, 8, 9—Southern California Conference, Riverside.
June 21-28—National Council of Congregational Churches, Oberlin, Ohio.
July 28-August 4—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
August 4-11—Missionary Education Conference, Asilomar.
October 16-18—State Conference, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

A CENT A MEAL FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

In Gratitude to the Giver of All Good Gifts
As a Family We Dedicate
A-CENT-A-MEAL
To Make a Christian World
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In gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts, let every family dedicate a Cent-a-Meal to make a Christian world.

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Every church having a collector who will open the boxes at regular intervals and seal.ng them up for its continuing use.

Regular remittances to the Conference office.

These attractive wooden boxes cannot be furnished free. They will cost 10c but can be used for years. The Conference office now has a supply and will gladly secure more. Order at once.

Remember that the United Church of Canada raised one and a half million dollars with this plan in 1933.

Conference Fiscal Year Ends

The fiscal year of the Conference, the California Home Missionary Society and the Congregational Ministers' Relief Society closed on March 31st. Although a balanced budget was adopted a year ago, the Home Missionary Society and the Conference, which operate jointly, closed the year with a deficit of $1,300. This deficit was due entirely to a decline in receipts, there having been a savings in expenditures of several hundred dollars as against the budget. This deficit is just about half of the deficit a year ago, which was half of that of the year before, so that there is an accumulation of deficits during the three years of about $8,800. The problem now facing the Board of Directors, which meets on April 9th, is: How to forecast for the year that lies ahead? It seems impossible to make further reductions. The one obvious answer is to increase the income. The Finance Committee has been working very hard for a year and a half with the advice of investment counselors, to improve the income from securities. If all of our churches, large and small, will do just a little better than last year, there will be no difficulty in meeting our obligations and maintaining our present responsibilities.

A New Crusade in the Interest of Decency

Today is undoubtedly a time of great crisis in the history of our people. It seems that some measure of recovery from the economic calamity of three years ago is being definitely accomplished right now, but with the return of the legalized liquor traffic, it is doubtful whether the people have ever before faced such critical problems in the ethical and moral realm. Certain of the most degrading practices and customs of the ancient pagan world are being revived.

There is a tendency on the part of many people to accept these things as a matter of course. This is a day when we must emphasize as never before the call to clean living and consecration of purpose. Not only for ourselves, but also for our community, we must hold steadfastly to the ethical ideals of Jesus. There can be no compromise with intoxicating liquor, with dishonesty, or with immorality in any form. Let us dedicate ourselves anew to the White Life, and let us enter wholeheartedly into every movement for civic betterment and for personal righteousness.

We need to help the unfortunate economically, but it is even more imperative that we stand steadfastly for righteousness. If we fail in this fundamental responsibility, there will be but little justification for our existence. I cannot too strongly emphasize this need for new consecration and a new crusading spirit in the interest of decency.

—From Annual Report of Gail Cleland as pastor of Alameda Church.

Word has been received by Rev. E. T. Sherman, director and Chairman of the Program Committee for the coming Young People's Conference at Asilomar, that Miss Margaret Slattery will be present for three days with her inspiring leadership. Congregational pastors and church school workers the world over have known of Miss Slattery's work for many years. Her writings have been authoritative for Sunday School and Religious Education workers. As a speaker she is without a superior. Her presence alone is sufficient to warrant the largest attendance in the history of the Conference.

Rates have been reduced by about $2.00 for each delegate for the period, bringing the cost to $13.30, plus the registration fee of $2.00.

"Jimmie" Price, director of promotion, is announcing a Caravan plan whereby attendance from every section of our territory will be made easier, particularly in the matter of cost of transportation.

The dates for this Tenth Annual Summer Conference are from Saturday, July 28th, to Saturday, August 5th. District Counselors have been appointed by the State Committee on Religious Education, who will assist the churches where needed with plans for sending a delegation. Churches not already planning to send a group are urged to get in touch with Mr. Price at the State Conference office.

Every church, though never before, Represented in '34.

The New Herald

"The World do move." Sixty years ago a proposal was made for a united missionary magazine devoted to the home and foreign interests of our churches. And now in this month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four, it has arrived.

For a long time we have been insisting that there is no such thing as a dividing line between our work at home and abroad. It is one cause, the establishing of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ throughout the earth. It springs from one motive and is supported by one group of people. It has the same problems to face, the same failures and same victories. It is altogether fitting that it should be presented to our people as the united task of the whole church as it faces the whole world. We welcome "The Missionary Herald, at Home and Abroad."

How fine it is to find Utah and Puerto Rico and India presenting in succeeding pages the challenge of their fields. The typography and illustrations are excellent, and the editorial work superb. Single subscriptions are $1.25 a year; in clubs of five or more $1.00 per year.

We predict for it as hearty a welcome in our fellowship as the darling little girl with her Easter lily will find when the door opens upon which she is knocking, as portrayed on the cover.

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General Council Delegation

The General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches will be held in Oberlin, Ohio, June 21st to 28th.

The Northern California delegation will be smaller than in previous years, due to the new by-laws, which were adopted at Seattle, which give the representation only to Associations having six or more churches. Under this rule the Modoc and Humboldt Associations cannot qualify. The Humboldt Association has joined with the Sonoma to make up the new Redwood Empire Association, so the two former Associations will have one representative instead of two. This means that our total delegation will consist of 14 instead of 16 as in former years.

Since there was no Council in 1933, those delegates who were elected for that session will serve for 1934 unless they resign. At present the delegation from Northern California is as follows:

From the Conference: Mrs. H. F. Swartz, and Rev. Norman W. Pendleton with the term ending 1935; Mrs. Lawrence Wilson and Rev. Ralph C. Waddell with the term ending 1937.

From the Bay Association: Rev. F. J. Van Horn, term ending 1935; Mrs. C. T. Tinker and Rev. Gail Cleland, term ending 1937.

Central Association: Rev. E. T. Sherman, term ending 1935.

The following Associations should elect at their coming meetings: Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Upper Bay and Redwood Empire. At present writing it is not known in the office whether the German Conference has elected or not.

It is impossible in advance of the Oberlin meeting to give any definite assurance of the amount of travel expense money that will be available, but the General Council office advises that it is reasonable to expect that it will amount to one cent per mile both ways by the shortest route of railroad travel.

MODOC Y. P. PLANS

Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace have visited Likely, Alturas, Lookout, Hat Creek and Trinity County in the interests of the young people's conference, which will be held near Fall River on June 11th to 17th. The theme of the conference will be "Today's Youth and Tomorrow's World." Students will be given the choice of three classes out of six courses offered. The faculty will be made up of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Miss Mary Coxhead, Rev. J. K. Ballou of Alturas, Rev. J. D. Salmon of Weaverville, and Rev. Ernest W. Houlding of Benicia.

SOME BETTER

There is still a slight decline in benevolence receipts as indicated by the attached Church-by-Church report for the first three months of 1934. In column one is noted the remittances during the month of March; in column 2 the totals for January, February and March; column 3 gives the receipts for a like period of 1933, for purposes of comparison.

Will pastors and treasurers scan the list and see that moneys on hand are forwarded as promptly as possible?

	March 1934	Jan. 11-March 31 1934	Jan. 11-March 31 1933
Adin	....	....	10.52
Alameda	68.31	68.31	....
Angel's Cp.	25.00	25.00	....
Benicia	....	5.00	....
Berkeley			
First	1.290.50	1.935.50	1.291.00
North	....	....	114.38
Campbell	50.00	125.00	75.00
Ceres	18.33	18.33	8.68
Cloverdale	22.16	25.76	13.82
Cotati	....	9.50	11.11
Crockett	....	....	11.25
Eureka	38.00	38.00	....
Fairfax	....	....	10.00
Ferndale	....	2.69	5.13
Fowler	10.00	10.00	10.00
Fresno			
First	40.18	98.74	37.50
Pilgrim	....	9.25	....
Likely	....	1.32	....
Lodi			
First	100.00	100.00	125.00
Martinez	....	....	22.10
Murphy	....	40.00	40.00
Oakland			
First	515.25	519.50	1.556.45
Fruitvale	1.00	1.00	....
Pilgrim	5.00	5.00	....
Plymouth	60.75	125.75	200.00
Oroville	20.00	60.00	....
Pac. Grove	25.40	82.30	60.40
Palo Alto	50.00	160.00	200.00
Petaluma	131.07	162.12	210.57
Porterville	8.50	8.50	....
Redwood City	100.00	100.00	135.00
Reedley			
Finnish	....	14.00	....
Ripon	....	12.50	10.00
Sacramento	....	.50	....
S. Carlos	5.00	10.00	....
San Francisco			
Bethany-			
Mis. Park.	52.63	55.63	5.00
First	43.82	165.68	....
Richmond	7.00	7.00	12.00
San Jose	80.00	130.00	190.00
S. Leandro	15.23	34.63	....
Santa Cruz	....	....	1.00
Santa Rosa	36.40	46.15	59.99
Sebastopol	26.80	40.32	21.65
Sonoma	....	....	25.00
Soquel	10.00	10.00	10.00
Stockton	54.12	119.33	239.20
Sunol	....	30.00	....
Sunnyvale	....	....	9.40
Tulare	....	....	40.00
Weaverville	15.00	15.00	....
Misc.	10.00	110.00	111.00
	$2,935.45	$4,550.13	$4,882.15

M. E. M. MEET

The committee on program for the M. E. M. Conference for this year consists of Dr. H. H. Guy, Dr. George T. Tolson and Dr. Stacy R. Warburton. The theme will be, "Japan," and "Orientals in the United States'" The cost will be $2.50 for registration for the period, board and room will be about $2.00 per day for the week. The dates will be August 4th to 11th. Further details may be secured from Mrs. R. W. Blosser, 222 Moncada Way, San Francisco.

West Bay Y. P. Rally

The West Bay Cacoypa held a Rally and missionary meeting at the Calvary Armenian Church on March 16th. Miss Ida Nicholas, missionary chairman, explained the plan for team visitation to each of the societies, promoting an interest in young people's projects. Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the address on the missionary work of the Conference. President Charles E. Lord announced the coming Bible Institute and other plans for the next few months.

Cacoypa Plans

Rev. Horton Colbert, Dr. T. T. Giffen, Dr. Jason Noble Pierce and Rev. James Strayer are among those on the faculty of a two evening West Bay Cacoypa Bible Insitute being sponsored by our San Francisco young people at the Park Presidio United Church on Friday and Saturday, April 20th and 21st. The sessions, starting at 7:15 each evening, include inspirational and informational Bible study and are open to all interested. The registration fee of 40 cents includes the dinner served at 6:30 on Saturday night.

West Bay young people are planning to participate in a dinner given in honor of Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury on Saturday, April 14th, at 6:15. Dr. Jason Noble Pierce, in charge of the event, has invited both young and old to enjoy this big evening, which will be held at the First Congregational Church in San Francisco. A charge of 25 cents is being made for the dinner. Reservations should be made through any Cacoypa officer or the First Congregational Church office, KEarny 7832.

Charles Lord, president of the West Bay Cacoypa, also announces a grand "Frolic at Fairfax" as the May event of these young people. "Remember our motto," says Charles, "West Bay leads the way."

NEW HAND BOOK OUT

The office force has just completed the preparation of the new Hand Book and Directory for the Conference and the Federation of Congregational Women. It is a forty-page mimeographed book, with names of officers and committees for the Conference and the Federation, a list of all ministers of the Conference with their occupation and Associational connection, statistics for all of the churches, and some items of general information. Copies will be furnished to all officers and committee members, to ministers, and to a limited number of others who may desire them.

C. O. M. T. to Send Speakers

Word has been received from the national office of the Commission on Missions that a team of at least three speakers will assist in the visitation of our California churches during the autumn. This is part of the plan previously announced whereby every church, so far as possible, will be visited by a team consisting of a pastor, a woman, and a layman or national worker.

A training institute will be held the first week of September for those who are to participate. The visitation of the Bay Association churches will be held the last two weeks of September, and of the churches outside of the Bay area the latter part of October and the first of November.

Mary Coxhead and the Bees

Last Sunday the house where we hold service was full of bees. We shooed them out time and again, and finally, after fifteen or twenty minutes, I had to close the service. Yesterday I took down a spray affair which I gave to Conom Pedee and told him to get to work, so all during our hymns, prayer and sermon he sprayed bees. Right in the midst of the prayer Conom raised a laugh by rushing for a bee and missed it. But we kept them down. Really, I couldn't have done a thing if it hadn't been for the spray.

Ceres Church in Step For Christian Unity

A significant step in the solution of a serious problem of over-churching has been taken by our church in Ceres. This community, which at most includes two thousand persons, counting the territory within three or four miles, has maintained five Protestant churches. Two other factors have made the situation of our own church increasingly difficult.

First, the low prices of agricultural products. Most of the farmers have very small tracts of land and have simply been unable to pay taxes, irrigation charges, and make a living.

The other factor has been a gradual turnover in population, with the coming of some Catholic people and of people from the far south whose religious traditions lead them to affiliate with other denominations.

For the past eighteen months the church has been unable to pay a stipulated, guaranteed salary. For a year the field has been supplied by Rev. and Mrs. James E. Enman, who have given themselves freely and effectively to the work.

Recently Superintendent Harley H. Gill spent four days surveying the field and interviewing the people of our church and other churches. A church business meeting was held on the last evening at which, after much discussion, the following action was taken:

1. That the Congregational Church will endeavor to hold together and unite with one church in the community, so that its strength will not be dissipated.

2. That overtures be made to the Methodist Episcopal Church looking toward an exchange of fields whereby the Congregationalists of Ceres would join the Methodist Church and all of the Methodists in some other locality would join the Congregational Church, and that proper adjustments be made of the properties.

3. That, as a step in this direction, beginning with the First of May, the Congregational people will worship with the Methodist Church, contributing to the Methodist current expenses while joint committees and the denominational superintendents are working out the details of an exchange.

Should this plan eventuate, it will mean that the Methodist Church in Ceres will be equal in membership, Sunday School and financial strength to any church in the community, that the debt on the Methodist Church can be lifted and a suitable hall provided for community services. The present Methodist minister is Rev. Allan R. Goozee, who was formerly a Congregational minister. To him and to Rev. J. E. Enman is due much credit in bringing about the preliminary negotiations.

The Congregational Church does not regard this as a surrender or a defeat, but a frank facing of an intolerable situation and the solution of a problem for the interests of the Kingdom.

REV. W. C. DAY RECOVERING

Rev. W. C. Day, a veteran in our service, has been under the doctor's care for many months. It was finally decided that in spite of his advanced years an operation was necessary. At the time of going to press he is resting easily and there is much encouragement for his recovery. Mr. Day has served many churches in our Conference but has been retired for twenty years, or more. His many friends wish him restored health and further years of usefulness.

EASTER ECHOES AND EASTER JOYS

SAN FRANCISCO. FIRST. If ever a church had a busy week it was this one during the days from Palm Sunday to Easter. Services were held at noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday under the auspices of the City Federation of Churches. A special luncheon in honor of the four speakers was held Monday. A three-hour service was conducted Friday afternoon. The motion picture, "The King of Kings," was shown every night during the week, including Easter. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, preached the sermon at the great sunrise service on Mount Davidson, to a congregation estimated as high as fifty thousand. The service was broadcast over a national hookup. Two identical services were held at 9:00 and 11:00 on Easter morning, 400 persons being present at the first and over 1,700 present at the second. More than a thousand were in attendance in the evening.

On Palm Sunday morning a pre-Easter cantata, "The King of Love," prepared by Dr. Pierce, was presented by the congregation.

FAIRFAX. Nine new members were received on Palm Sunday. Special services were held Thursday evening and Friday afternoon of Easter week. The Primary department gave an Easter pageant, and the Fellowship of Youth a special program prepared by the pastor, Rev. James W. Price. Recently a group of fifty local women enjoyed a visit by Mrs. Amy B. Cowles of Africa, and the women of the Redwood District Association. Mrs. George Atkinson presided, and Mrs. Frank Greene, president of the Federation, and Mrs. Cowles gave addresses.

MODOC INDIAN. A "Better Home" contest starts April 1st. Once during the month judges will visit the homes without warning. Points will be given for general appearance, clean floors, dressed beds, etc. A fair will be held on May 5th and prizes given to the women whose housekeeping ranks highest. A baby show will also be held for purposes of educating mothers in the proper care of children. During March Miss Mary Coxhead conducted nine services of worship, four women's meetings, and made 65 calls.

STOCKTON. The churches of the city united in a three-hour service on Good Friday. Rev. Noel J. Breed led the congregation in prayers for each of the seven periods. Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the seven addresses on the Seven Last Words. Various ministers of the city participated in other parts of the service. In the past ten years interest in these Good Friday observances has greatly increased. During that time the attendance has increased from about seventy-five to six or eight hundred.

BERKELEY. PARK. A most effective communion service was held on Thursday evening before Easter. The building was lighted by candles. At the Easter morning service a splendid group of young people which makes up the choir rendered anthems in a manner that would have been a credit to professional singers. Three juniors and six adults were received into church membership. The pastor, Rev. Tom Watt, preached a total of twelve sermons during the month of March.

PETALUMA. Large congregations took part in the Holy Week services of the Petaluma Church. On Palm Sunday afternoon the choir, assisted by the Analyan Trio of Sebastopol, gave a concert. The choruses sung were all from DuBois' "Seven Last Words of Jesus." The usual union services were held: communion on Thursday evening and the three-hour service on Good Friday, at which the speaker was Dr. George T. Tolson of the Pacific School of Religion. The church was filled on Easter, both morning and evening. At the latter service the play, "St. Claudia," by Marshall N. Goold, was given. This was repeated on Monday evening and will be given on October 8th at the Congregational Church in Stockton. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell is pastor.

BERKELEY. FIRST. Two identical Easter morning services were held, one at 9:00 and the other at 11:00. The building was filled at the first service, and crowds were turned away from the later one. The sermon subject of the pastor, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, was "Trumpets of Dawn." This was the first of a new series on "The Present Crisis and a Summons to Spiritual Advance." By this plan it is hoped that many who ordinarily attend service on Easter Sunday only will be interested in hearing the further discussions of the series. Again on Easter evening the building was crowded, Knight Templars and their wives being guests.

PALO ALTO. A junior vested choir of 22 boys and girls about twelve years of age made its first appearance on Palm Sunday and Easter. They led the processional, followed by the adult choir of thirty voices and sang a hymn at the beginning of the service, afterwards taking their places in the front pews. The church was thronged on Easter with the largest congregation in many years. A cantata, "For He is Risen," by Dean Clokey of Pomona College, was given to another large congregation at a vesper service. Rev. W. B. Thorp is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. The Christian Endeavor Society recently enjoyed an evening with Mrs. Amy B. Cowles of the South Africa Mission. A large group of young people listened with great interest to her story. Rev. Reed B. Cherington, the pastor, took part in the union Good Friday services in Palo Alto and Redwood City. At the Easter service six children were baptized and two adults received into membership. The church was filled to capacity.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, pastor, will speak over KTAB on Sunday, April 8th, on "Peninsula Paradise," under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Pendleton has created a great deal of interest by his attacks on dog racing in San Mateo County, particularly in opposing the donation of 10c for each admission to relief purposes. This, in the opinion of many, is nothing short of a bribe offered to the public.

LODI. Twenty-seven members, nine of whom were on Confession of Faith, were received into membership at the Communion service Thursday evening of Holy Week. At the Easter Sunday service, which was largely attended, four children were baptized. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

BERKELEY. NORTH. The Lenten period concluded with a candlelight communion service and reception of members. At this service eight new members were received on Confession of Faith. The church this year has adopted a plan whereby each new member is to have a Church Friend. This Church Friend takes a friendly interest in the new member by calling upon him, sending cards of greeting for birthdays and on all other days of importance. This Church Friend idea is being well received by North Church and its new members. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, the pastor, was one of the speakers at the three-hour service on Good Friday. "Portraits of Christ" as revealed by the four gospels will be presented in a series of sermons during April.

OAKLAND. FIRST. Auditorium and adjoining rooms crowded, a hundred people standing and many turned away. This is the story of the Easter morning audience. At the afternoon communion service 84 new members were received into the church, all of them adults; 39 of these were on Confession of Faith. This great acquisition has come about largely through the personal work of the pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, and a few individuals working closely with him. Immediately following Easter attention will be turned to the Pastor's Class and to the enrollment of children and young people for church membership culminating on Children's Day.

OROVILLE. The Easter morning congregation filled the auditorium, balcony and Sunday School room. Seven new members were received, five on Confession of Faith, which added to the five received in February makes a total of twelve since Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer took up his work as pastor the first of the year. Candlelight communion service was held on Holy Thursday evening, with as many in attendance as normally come for the Sunday communion. The business men of the town closed their stores for three hours on Friday, Protestant churches using one hour for a union service.

SALIDA. Services were held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of Holy Week. At the Thursday evening communion eleven members joined the church. A new vested choir furnished music for Easter, in the evening, rendering a cantata, "The Living Christ." The auditorium of the church has been redecorated. The entire plant is in good condition and all expenses paid. Rev. Arthur T. Davies is the pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. Due to the fact that Mr. Travaille, who has been supplying the church, is not ordained, an invitation was extended to Rev. James W. Price, former pastor, to hold communion service and to baptize children on Friday evening before Easter. The church was filled almost to capacity. Many people partook of the communion for the first time in their lives.

COTATI. Thirteen new members were received into membership on Palm Sunday, most of them adults. This church is in the lead in an attendance contest with Cloverdale. Large attendance marked all services on Easter day. Mr. Milton G. Gabrielson is the pastor.

TRINITY COUNTY. A visit was enjoyed from Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace of Adin. Mrs. Wallace spoke at a women's tea on the subject of foreign missions. Mr. Wallace was promoting the Modoc summer conference for young people. A Sunday School has been formed at Minersville. Supplies are needed, especially Primary and Junior papers and quarterlies, also hymn books. The school is held in the home of one of the residents who has supplied the room with benches and a stove. Two persons united with the Weaverville church on Easter. Five different places in the County now have Sunday Schools operating, with opportunities for at least two more as soon as Rev. James D. Salmon, the pastor, can spend the time in the communities.

SANTA CRUZ. The First Methodist and Advent Christian Churches united with the Congregational Church in Holy Thursday communion service, which was attended by about 500 persons. Thirty-three were received into membership of the church. Rev. Heber S. Mahood, the pastor, was assisted by the pastors of the visiting churches. In the Easter decorations were over 6,000 calla lilies, a feature being a cross fifteen feet in height made of the lilies. Eleven children were baptized at the morning service. Seven hundred people were present, and in the evening about a thousand. The "Flower Lovers' Club" of Santa Cruz sent flowers to churches where there are no flowers this season of the year, some going to our church at Alturas.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM. Following the custom of previous years, the church auditorium was filled for a sun-rise service at 6:00 o'clock, young people predominating. Again at 9:45 the auditorium was filled to capacity for a special program, including a brief play presented by the Sunday School. Fifteen new members were received at the hour of morning worship when the pastor, Rev. Horton Colbert, preached to a large congregation on "How Shall We Believe in Immortality." Dr. V. Podstata will resume his course of lectures on April 3rd, addressing himself to the problems of marriage and parenthood.

OAKLAND. PLYMOUTH. On Palm Sunday afternoon the choir gave "The Seven Last Words" over radio station KRE from the Chapel of the Chimes. On Friday evening of Holy Week this beautiful musical production was repeated at the communion service. At least a thousand people were in attendance Easter morning. Nine babies were baptized. New members will be received at a later time. Rev. T. T. Giffen is the pastor.

SUISUN. Superintendent Harley H. Gill conducted the Easter morning service. The house was filled. Four children were baptized. The entire Sunday School, under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Bird, furnished the music in a most acceptable manner.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

There will be no Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation in April.

Selling Religion

That is exactly what Ruth Seabury, Educational Secretary of the American Board is doing constantly, selling religion and internationalism and just bubbling over with enthusiasm, energy and good will as she does it. Even the Deanship of a University, she told the women at their monthly Executive Meeting, she considers of secondary importance to her always new and ever changing work with its one need, one aim, one purpose and one God.

Swiftly and with colorful word pictures Miss Seabury pointed out conditions and needs on the field, probed skilfully our attitude at home and showed the areas of interest we must continually enlarge and fill with the spirit of Jesus. "Back yard" interests, she agreed, are quite necessary with their social relations, race problems and multitudinous other things, but they must reach out to the farthest corners of the earth, and until all races are molded by the spirit of Jesus.

Gandhi told her that the Bible was a book with enough dynamite in it to blow up the world, but we regard it as a piece of fine literature. The Sermon on the Mount is full of revolutionary and transforming power.

We are too receptive, continued Miss Seabury—(might she not have added smug and self-satisfied?)—and then she bombarded us with the following questions: "How does your woman's organization differ from any other woman's club? Are you religious? Why? Why do we believe in missions?" She urged parents to know more about religion, talk more about it, have the church prepare and instruct more definitely as to its meaning and value and above all to experience and live it at home and abroad. Of the four outstanding examples of world Christians selected recently Kagawa of Japan was one, Schweitzer of Africa another, while the other two were natives of China and Japan. The Christ of the Orient has come into His own and soon we of the West may sit at the feet of His followers from the East to have Christianity interpreted and made alive again by Oriental believers.

A great wave of bitterness has been spreading throughout the world the past year in regard to Japan, similar to another wave that started the conflagration of 1914. This year Japan is the country being studied by the churches with an unusually interesting series of books for all ages. We should know more about this land, its customs, its desires, and with a loving sympathy seek to understand its background and motives.

A book for special inspirational reading was suggested, "God's Candlelight," by Mabel Shaw, which the Dean of Rugby has called "a story of high adventure and great achievement told in beautiful language."

This, as well as the books on Japan, have already been referred to by Mrs. Cail Cleland, and further information may be secured from her.

A Chicken For a Tooth

Another speaker at the Executive Meeting was Mrs. Amy B. Cowles, daughter of the famous Bridgman family, Congregational pioneer missionaries to South Africa. Mrs. Cowles and her husband have been equally well known for their fine, constructive work in Natal where they labored for thirty-one years, and an eager group of listeners were fascinated by the tales she related of African life.

The heroic band of six college-educated missionaries, who, with their brides, sailed from Boston one hundred years ago next Christmas, found very different conditions in South Africa from those existing today. There were no roads, only native trails, wild animals with their weird cries lurked everywhere, monkeys swinging from every forest tree, and the deadliest of poisonous snakes infested the dense underbrush.

The natives lived in kraal huts, the family being polygamous, with wives bought and daughters sold for ten cows, the number a man possessed being limited only by his wealth, estimated in cows. Pigs, chickens, a new born calf, shared the hut with the family, and picked up crumbs from the mud floor with the crawling babies, or an unbidden poisonous snake, that must not be disturbed lest he be the incarnation of some departed ancestor.

Witch doctors, unkempt and hideous, plied their nefarious trade by "trying out," or seeking to discover the cause of sickness and death, and the victim once found was immediately punished with death. Twins were always murdered, while babies whose first tooth appeared in the upper instead of the lower gum, were thrown to the crocodiles.

A dentist was an unknown luxury, a spear or any crude tool being used to gouge out an aching tooth, and when Mr. Cowles received forceps from America and extracted their teeth, their joy and gratitude knew no bounds. In order that they might feel that the laborer was "worthy of his hire," he asked for a chicken to pay for each operation.

For eleven years our pioneer missionaries labored before one old woman signified her desire to lead a Christian life, and the American Board had almost decided to give up the work. But these first, heroic missionaries were not discouraged. A spoken and written language had been evolved with great difficulty, and in due time the Bible and other books translated. Today in the mission one may find good roads, Christian homes, native Christian teachers and schools, hospitals, and clinics, all organized by our missionaries who went into that dark continent unafraid, knowing in Whom they believed and confident that with His help they could accomplish all things.

SPRING MEETING

Mrs. H. F. Swartz has arranged an unusually attractive program for the meeting at Lodi, Thursday, April 19th. Miss Ruth Seabury will, of course, be a great attraction. Two faculty members from the College of the Pacific, Stockton, will also take part: Professor Paul Schilpp as speaker, Mr. Allan Bacon as organist. Rev. E. T. Sherman of Lodi and Rev. R. R. Morgan of Berkeley, will speak on subjects relating to young people, while our own Mrs. James Hazlett and Mrs. Gail Cleland will take topics dealing with world and Federation interests. Plan to attend this meeting. You cannot afford to miss it.

MORE EASTER ECHOES

BENICIA. On Palm Sunday the Berkeley Y. M. C. A. A Capella choir furnished music and drew a large congregation. An adult choir, the High School young people, and the Sunday School, alternate in furnishing music for regular Sunday services. Easter was a happy day with a large attendance and a liberal offering for benevolences. Rev. Ernest W. Houlding is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. The most largely attended communion service during the pastorate of Rev. Gail Cleland was held on Thursday night of Holy Week. The choir rendered Stainer's "Crucifixion." On Easter morning without the attendance of specially invited guests and organizations, the building was filled to capacity. Thirty-one new members were received and three babies baptized.

PITTSBURG. On Palm Sunday Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the guest of the church and of the pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin. This church has a wide-awake Sunday School, a splendid choir, a worthy congregation, and everywhere a spirit of friendliness prevails.

AUBURN. Through the kindness of the management, the Auburn church held its Easter service in the State Theatre. About 450 people were in attendance. A cantata, "He Lives, the King of Kings," and a play "The Half of My Goods" were presented by the choir and young people. Rev. Richard N. England is the pastor.

ANTIOCH. Easter audiences were large and the music especially fine. The sermon subject of the pastor, Rev. Henry Stauffer, was "The Triumph of Radiant Personality." Children will be baptized at a post-Easter communion service on April 15th.

GLEN ELLEN. Mrs. F. O. Butler decided to do something about church finances. She made and distributed 320 little hats made out of cloth, attaching a slip entitled, "passing the hat." More than $60.00 has come in in response to the appeal.

SANTA ROSA. After four years of service at this church, Rev. J. J. Jones has resigned to take effect at the end of May. His going will be deeply regretted by many both in the church and community.

SEBASTOPOL. One member received by letter and eleven on Confession of Faith at Easter communion. Two hundred twenty-five persons were in attendance at the morning service. Rev. George E. Atkinson is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Attendance at all services larger than on any previous Easter is reported by Rev. John T. Munton, pastor. Two members were received into the Angel's Camp church.

PORTERVILLE. Seven new members are to be received at the communion service which will be held the Sunday following Easter. Rev. B. Dent Naylor is the pastor.

SAN MATEO. At the February communion service 24 persons were received into membership, eight of them by Confession of Faith. Rev. George E. Brown is pastor.

TULARE. A full house and a beautiful service on Easter Sunday morning was the fitting climax to a most helpful lenten season. Interest at the mid-week lenten services was the best during the present pastorate, the general theme being, "What Religion Means to Me." During lent the pastor, Rev. R. B. Whitaker, preached a series of sermons on "Great Hours in the Life of Jesus."

BIG VALLEY. Boys' and Girls' Clubs are sponsored by Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace at Adin. Plans are under way for a community building at Nubieber which will house Club, Sunday School and Church. Mr. Wallace has been asked to assume responsibility for a C. C. C. Camp at Big Springs. For a number of months he has been in charge of Hackamore.

SAN FRANCISCO. GRACE UNITED. Eight members joined the church on March 11th. A total of 660 were present on Easter Sunday morning. Rev. James H. Price promoted the boys Easter service for the Metropolitan Y. M. C. A. on the evening of Good Friday, with an attendance of 325 boys. Rev. Joseph Carpenter is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO. BROADMOOR. Rev. J. H. McCartney reports the largest attendance at the Easter service during his pastorate. Two members were received into the church and three infants were baptized. The young people conducted the service in the afternoon at the Fairmount Hospital.

PACIFIC GROVE. The Mayflower church is having a six weeks' course in mission study. There are two classes, one for young people and one for adults each Sunday evening. Following the discussion the groups come together for a stereopticon lecture. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

EUREKA. A reading contest with the Eureka Presbyterian Church, using Bertha Palmer's book, "A Syllabus on Alcohol Education," is creating considerable interest. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

OAKLAND. FRUITVALE. A large congregation enjoyed excellent music and sermon by Rev. R. R. Morgan on Easter. On Palm Sunday Mr. James E. Boyd received three on Confession of Faith and baptized three persons.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW. Sunday School attendance has shown an increase of ten due to the religious census. Mr. Stewart E. Locke is the pastor.

OAKLAND, BETHANY. Five members were received into the church at the communion service on Palm Sunday. Rev. V. H. Yessayan is the pastor.

FRESNO. PILGRIM. Four new members were received at the Holy week communion on Thursday evening. Rev. M. G. Papazian is the pastor.

PIEDMONT. COMMUNITY. Fifty young people united with the membership of the church and received their first communion. Rev. E. F. W. Swan is the pastor.